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SUBJ: CUBAN REFUGEE - ROBERTO MURGADO MARTIN

REF: LINDAHL/OPERATIONS CENTER TELECON; STATE 213964

1. SUMMARY: ROBERTO MURGADO MARTIN, DPOB 30 MAY 49 GUANTANAMO CUBA, PP#006462, FIRST OFFICER ABOARD CUBAN CARGO SHIP "MAFFO", HAS APPROACHED EMBASSY WITH REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM IN U.S. GIVES REASON AS OPPOSITION TO COMMUNIST SYSTEM IN CUBA. SHIP HAS BEEN IN JAPAN AND JAPANESE WATERS SINCE OCT 2.

2. BETWEEN VOYAGES SUBJECT HAS BEEN LIVING WITH HIS FATHER, ABELARDO MURGADO RUEDA, A RAILROAD OFFICE WORKER, AND MOTHER, OLGA MARTIN GOMEZ, HOUSEWIFE, IN GUANTANAMO. THEIR ADDRESS IS CUARTEL NO. 414, GUANTANAMO, ORIENTE, CUBA. SUBJECT HAS ALWAYS LIVED IN GUANTANAMO. HE HAS ONE OLDER BROTHER, AN ARMY SERGEANT WHO IS A RADIO REPAIRMAN. HE HAS NO OTHER RELATIVES IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

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3. SUBJECT WAS MARRIED IN 1970 BUT DIVORCED IN 1971. HE CLAIMS

TO HAVE NO CHILDREN.

4. SUBJECT IS A GRADUATE OF THE MARIEL NAVY ACADEMY, WHERE HE STUDIED FROM 1966 TO 1969. HE HAS NEVER BEEN IN THE MILITARY SERVICE, AND BEGAN SAILING IMMEDIATELY AFTER COMPLETING THIS COURSE. HE HAS BEEN ON THE FOLLOWING SHIPS: SIERRA MAESTRA, VICTORIA DE GIRON, TOPAZ ISLANDS, MARBLE ISLANDS AND MAFFO. THIS HIS FIRST TRIP ON MAFFO. SHIP LEFT CUBA IN AUGUST, AND HAS VISITED SEVERAL PORTS IN JAPAN. CARRIED CARGO OF SUGAR OUTBOUND, AND LOADING TRUCKS, SPARE PARTS, CEMENT, PIPE AND OTHER GENERAL CARGO FOR RETURN VOYAGE. SHIP LEAVES YOKOHAMA 12 NOVEMBER AT 1800 HOURS.

5. SUBJECT HAS AN AUNT, MARIA GELI MARTIN, WIFE OF GASPAR BELI, LIVING IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, AT 956 EUCLID AVENUE. SUBJECT ASSERTS SHE WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO FURNISH MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT.

6. SUBJECT CLAIMS HE IS NOT IN ANY KIND OF DIFFICULTY ABOARD SHIP OR IN CUBA, AND HAS NOT COMMITTED ANY CRIMES IN CUBA OR ELSEWHERE.

7. SUBJECT IS NOT A PARTY MEMBER, ALTHOUGH IS A MEMBER OF COMMUNIST YOUTY LEAGUE. HE CLAIMS HE HAD TO JOIN OR LOSE HIS JOB. DEPT HAS PREVIOUSLY DETERMINED SUCH MEMBERSHIP INVOLUNTARY. EMB ATTEMPTING CONTACT IMMIGRATION SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE, WHO TDY IN SEOUL AT THIS TIME. WILL BRIEF HIM ON FACTS BUT HE WILL NO DOUBT NEED AUTHORITY FROM INS FOR ISSUANCE PAROLE DOCUMENT.

8. SUBJECT LEFT HIS PASSPORT ON BOARD SHIP. ONLY DOCUMENTS ARE SEAMAN'S BOOK AND SHORE PASS, WHICH EXPIRES 1400 HOURS 12 NOV.

9. SUBJECT HAS VIRTUALLY NO MONEY WITH HIM. WE HAVE PUT HIM INTO HOTEL PENDING RESOLUTION HIS CASE. ONCE HIS SHORE PASS EXPIRES WE WILL HAVE TO INFORM THE POLICE OF HIS WHEREABOUTS. BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE WE CONFIDENT THEY WILL PERMIT HIM TO STAY ON BRIEFLY IN JAPAN ON ASSURANCE THAT HE BEING PROCESSED FOR TRAVEL ONWARD.

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10. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT COMMENTS REQUESTED AS WELL AS AUTHORITY FROM INS FOR ISSUANCE I-512 IN TOKYO. ALSO NEED FISCAL AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURE MINIMUM \$25 DAILY FOR MAINTENANCE EXPENSE, PLUS TRANSPORTATION TO MIAMI IF PAROLE AUTHORIZED. WILL ENDEAVOR GET SOME FUNDS FROM JAPANESE FOR THIS PURPOSE BUT OUTCOME DOUBTFUL. PERHAPS VOLAG COULD ASSIST ON EXPENSE AND OBTAINING SUPPORT EVIDENCE FROM AUNT

IN MIAMI.  
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